THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) to (d) During 1994-95, payments to Fertilizer Manufacturers/Importers (MOP) towards reimbursement of concession on sale of decontrolled phosphatic and potassic fertilizers to the farmers, were made on the basis of certified reports of sales submitted by the States|UTs. Payments amounting to Rs. 514.02 crores were processed and cleared upto 31-3-1995. This scheme was applicable to all categories of farmers including small and marginal farmers and a concession of Rs. 1000|- per tonne on MOP and indigenous DAP, Rs. 340|- per tonne on SSP and between Rs. 435-999|- per tonne on indigenous Complexes (depending upon the grade) was given.

Restoration of fertilizer subsidy

4055. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Governments have demanded for restoration of fertilizer subsidy to 1992 level;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) to (c) Only Karnataka has asked for restoration of fertilizer subsidy on decontrolled fertilizers to the 1992 level on the ground that their consumption has decreased because of hike in their prices. As the Phosphatic and Potassic fertilizers were decontrolled on the recommendations of the JPC, there is no proposal at present to go back to 1992 level.

Production of rice and wheat

4056. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any assessment has been made about the production of rice and wheat in the country during the last three years;

(b) if so, whether India is in a position to export these commodities;

(c) the total target production of these commodities set and actually achieved during the above period;

(d) the details of arrangements made for storing the excess foodgrains in the country;

(e) whether the scheme of food for work is also proposed to be reintroduced in the country;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Total targets and production of rice and wheat during 1991-92, 1992-93 and 1993-94 is as follows:—

(Million tonnes)

Year	Rice		Wheat	
	Target	Production	Target	Production
1991-92	76.50	74.68	56.50	55.69
1992-93	77.25	72.86	57.00	57.21
1993-94	78.50	78.97	58.50	59.13